

## Amendments to the Brief Description of the Drawings

Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings section of the Specification in accordance with the amendments set forth below.

1. Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 24-25 of the Specification in the following manner:

**Figure 7** shows an end-view (~~Figure 7B-C~~ Figures 7B, 7C and 7D) and side view (Figure 7A) of several drives for securing the subject implant into place.

2. Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 30 to page 4, line 3 of the Specification in the following manner:

**Figure 9** shows a further embodiment of the subject implant that comprises pinch cut out for engaging a securing device. Figure 9A is a side view of an embodiment that has a channel and smooth exterior. Figure 9B is an end view of the embodiment shown in Figure 9A. Figure 9C is a side view of the embodiments of Figure 9A which has a threaded exterior surface. Figure 9D is a side view of an embodiment that has a channel and a narrower stepped portion at its wider end.